

Third Sunday Of Advent

December 15, 2013

"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

– Matthew 11.2-11

When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | December 17 | 12 noon |
| Thursday | December 19 | 12 noon |
| <u>Saturday</u> | December 21 | 5:30pm |
| <u>Sunday</u> | December 22 | 9:30am |

MASS INTENTION

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| Joe Arsenault & Son Clifford |
| James Greig |
| Opal & John Dwyer |
| For All Parishioners & Their Intentions |

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Parishioners Using Envelopes: 107 Average Envelope Donation: \$27.14

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| 43 | Regular Envelopes | \$1,167.00 |
| | Loose Donation | \$130.00 |
| 3 | Building Fund | \$30.00 |
| 9 | Christmas Baskets | \$765.00 |
| 2 | Philippines | \$45.00 |
| 3 | Pro Life | \$30.00 |
| 6 | Flowers | \$150.00 |
| 13 | Memorial Tree | \$185.00 |
| | <u>Last Weekend's Total</u> | <u>\$2,502.00</u> |

Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity

Welcome to Fr. John Tracey who will be celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule

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| Christmas Eve | Tuesday, December 24 th | 6pm |
| Christmas Day | Wednesday, December 25 th | 10:30am |
| New Year's Eve | Tuesday, December 31 st | 5:30pm |
| New Year's Day | Wednesday, January 1 st | 9:30am |

Christmas Party

Due to the expected storm, the parish Christmas Party is being postponed until next Sunday, December 22nd, after the 9:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome and we plan on having hot dogs, cake, guessing games, and possibly pictures with a special guest.



Bishop's Christmas Message

Bishop Harris has sent out a Christmas message to everyone in the Diocese of Saint John. The message is available on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church, or on our website.

Thanks

Thank you to the Holy Trinity CWL for their \$1,000 donation to the parish.

Christmas Basket Distribution

You are invited to join us in the Family Center on Friday, December 20th, at 9am to help pack the Christmas Baskets. If you wish, feel free to drop in and have a coffee with us and enjoy the excitement. We thank you for your generous donations again this year.

Tax Receipts

Given that the already high price of postage is going up even further, we would like to encourage parishioners to sign up for our new electronic receipt system. Those receiving their tax receipts via email will receive them several weeks before the paper versions are mailed out to everyone else, and you will be helping the parish cut postage costs. Those interested are asked to send an email to the parish (office@holyltrinitysj.com) indicating that they would be willing to receive their tax receipts through email. Emailed tax receipts will go out during the first couple of weeks in January.

FYI - We can no longer place receipts at the back of the church due to privacy concerns.

Christmas Ministry Schedule

Ministry schedule for those who signed up to participate in Christmas Masses is available at the entrance of the church or on our website.

2014 Sunday Envelopes

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If the spelling of your name or the address listed on your envelopes is incorrect, please contact the office, as that is the address where your 2013 tax receipts will be sent in January. If you would like Sunday Envelopes, please contact the office.

Memorial Tree

Deadline for submission of names is today, Sunday, December 15th.

Ministry Schedule

Cindy Doyle will soon be preparing the January - March Ministry Schedule. If you know that you will be unavailable at any point during those months, please contact her (633-5895 or doyle.wil59@yahoo.com) by today, Sunday December 15th.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Simply write the name(s) of those you would like to remember on the outside of an envelope and drop it in the collection. **Deadline for submission of names is today, Sunday, December 15th.** Please also indicate that the envelope is for "Flowers", and include your envelope number. The names of all those being honored will be included in our Christmas bulletin.

Concert

The Saint John High School Concert and Jazz Choirs will present a concert today, Sunday, December 15th, 2pm, at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Main Street. Tickets are \$10. There will also be a silent auction.

Christmas Concert

The Cathedral, Waterloo Street, will be hosting a Christmas Concert featuring the Cathedral Choir and St. Mary's Band today, Sunday, December 15th, 7pm. There will be a free will offering to assist with roof repairs. A reception will follow.

Mass For Those Living With Cancer

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 16th, 6:30pm, at the Cathedral, Waterloo Street. Mass will be offered for the intention of people living with cancer and for their families and friends. The Sacrament of Anointing will take place following Mass for those who request it.

Christmas Shopping

During this Christmas Season, and throughout the year, please keep our Catholic Bookstore in mind for gift-giving ideas. The bookstore is located at 48 Waterloo Street.



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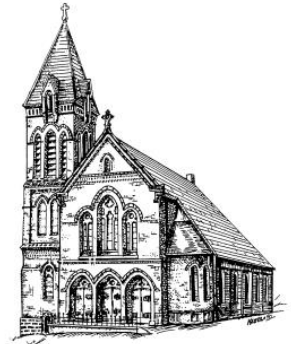
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm for family members of Holy Trinity Parish and those who are living within the geographical boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements for a baptism please contact the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated by appointment only. To schedule a time, please speak with Father Peter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 1pm on Saturday.

SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.